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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI, US, IS
SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT BY U.S. MILITARY TEAM

1. DAO HAS FORWARDED TO GENERAL DEPUY, COMMANDER, ARMY TRAINING COMMAND, FORT MONROE, VA., AN IDF PROPOSAL FOR A LARGE U.S. MILITARY TEAM TO VISIT ISRAEL FOR PURPOSE OF MEETING WITH IDF COUNTERPARTS TO DISCUSS, ANALYZE AND FORMULATE RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON LESSONS LEARNED IN OCT'73 WAR. TEAM WOULD BE LED BY DEPUTY 4 STAR GENERAL, AND ISRAELIS PROPOSE TEAM INCLUDE MEMBER OF OTHER GENERAL OFFICERS. DEPUY HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE WITH ISRAELI PROPOSAL, BUT HAS QUESTIIONED NEED FOR TEAM OF SIZE AND RANK. HE HAS PROPOSED JANUARY AS DATE FOR VISIT.

2. RECORD IS CLEAR THAT VISITS OF U.S. MILITARY TEAMS TO ISRAEL SINCE OCT WAR HAVE BEEN OF CONSIDEREABLE VALUE TO US. IT EQUALLY CLEAR THAT IDF(AND U.S. TEAM MEMBERS) HAS BATTED ONE THOUSAND IN ITS ABILITY TO HANDLE THESE VISITS IN MANNER TO AVOID ANY PUBLICITY OR EMBARRASSEMENT TO USG.

3. BASED ON PAST TRACK RECORD ALONE, I AM INCLINED TO CLEAR VISIT. HOWEVER, DUE TO RANK OF PROPOSED TEAM MEMBERS AND TIMING, BELEIVE IT BEST TO WITHOLD FORMAL COUNTRY CLEARANCE UNTIL WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT DEPT HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS PROPOSED VISIT WITH APPROPRIATE MILITARY
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OFFICERS. SUGGEST A GOOD PLACE TO START WOULD BE WITH COL.

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TOM PIANKAN, ISA. THE PROJECT OFFICE IN WASHINGTON IS COL.
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4. WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY.
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